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**ABSTRACT**

This invention relates to topical compositions of an antibacterial benzoquinolizine-2-carboxylic acid, incorporated either as the single therapeutic ingredient in hitherto undescribed pharmaceutical compositions, or as an ingredient in novel combination with at least one agent selected from a retinoid, an antifungal agent, another antibacterial compound and/or a steroid/non-steroid anti-inflammatory agent, to processes for preparation of the compositions, to use of the compositions in preparation of a medicament, and to a method of therapeutic or prophylactic use of such a composition for the treatment of dermal, ophthalmic, otic and nasal infections, with or without attendant inflammation.